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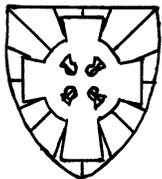
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Calendar of Events From the Kingdom Calendar)

August 2011 (A.S. XLVI)

5-7 Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XL
12-14..... Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XL
19-21 Central Region Academy of the Rapier and Steppes Artisan –
Multi-Group Event (Athens, TX)
26-28..... OPEN

September 2011 (A.S. XLVI)

2-5..... Gothic Wars XX - Blacklake/Bonwicke (Midland/Odessa & Lubbock, TX)
Labor Day Weekend
9-11..... Gate's Edge Fall Event - Gate's Edge (Houston, TX)
16-18..... Defender of the Fort - Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX)
Triumpe of the Eclipse VI - Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
23-25..... Bryn Gwlad Fall Event - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
Passe de Arms - Adlersrhue (Amarillo, TX)

Populace Meetings

Sept 2011

Date, Time and Location TBA

Oct 2011

Date, Time and Location TBA

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 3:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Lord Ronald ronald_the_archer@yahoo.com
Chivalric	TBA	TBA	Felix Benny_wro@yahoo.com
Rapier	Thur 7:00PM	Bee Creek Park, C.S.	Lady Kolfinna kolfinnakyrri@yahoo.com

Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Brewers	2 nd & 4 th Wed 6:30	Catan's House	Lord Josef cj2308@yahoo.com
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Cooking	On Hiatus		HL Isabelot isabelotdeforens@gmail.com
Dance	On Hiatus		
Scribes	On Hiatus		

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The Shadow Notes

A belated “Congratulations” to: Morina O Donnabhain, Rhodri ap Gwythyr, Catan ingen Míchl, Stephen Crowley, Kolfinna in kyrra Ottarsdottir, Isolde die Waeyer, and Orin Ketilson, all of whom received the Golden Star of Ansteorra at the step-down court of Ulsted and Ebergardis in May.

Charter Painting Guild has been replaced for the summer with Open A&S Night every Monday Night at Kaitlyn and Rhodri’s. Come paint charters, bring your current A&S project, work on armor or just hang out.

If you are fighting, practicing, or just hanging out in the heat this summer make sure to stay hydrated! Drink plenty of water or Gatorade, stay away from caffeinated or alcoholic drinks!

Open House at Texas A&M is coming up! This year it will be on SATURDAY, September 3, at Reed Arena. This is our main recruiting demo of the year, please plan to help in any way you can.

The Shire’s summer project this year is to make a new, fabric cover for the Shire’s carport pavilion, the frame for which was recently excavated from the depths of Bastian and Solange’s garage. When completed we will have a free standing, movable pavilion which can be used for Open House and at the archery range.

Thanks and Credits

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Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

What about the SCA excites you? What are you passionate about? I encourage you to not wait for someone else to do something. Get involved and do what you enjoy doing. Whether it is dancing, bardic, leather working, fighting or whatever, get in there and start some action. If you really want to but don't know how, come talk with myself or Kaitlyn and we will be glad to assist you in getting started.

Rhodri

From the Treasurer

Little activity on the financial front. The bank statement shows we have \$4,814.62 in the bank. Some of that is dedicated to the guilds and combat areas, to the general funds numbers are closer to \$4,600. Conversations have started about putting in a bid for Crown Tournament. The idea is to find an inexpensive site so we can actually make money on an event--our past three have not garnered profits worth mentioning. Keep your eyes and ears open for potential sites and share your thoughts. Financial committee meetings will need to be held for funds approvals and budget creation.

-Kolfinna

From the Hospitaler

Hello this Aldred. As your new hospitaler I am looking forward to my responsibilities. I hope to increase membership and possibly explore different avenues of recruitment. I also am looking forward toward next month’s demo and hope everyone will give a hand toward making it a success.

Aldred

From the Knight’s Marshal

Howdy! Felix here! Just wanted to say that the summer fighting is going great and I hope to see more people out and about fighting! Practice is still at the lovely Austin Colony Park and still at 5:30. So I hope to see more people out soon, bring your friends! That is all from me friends, have a wonderful month!

Felix

From the Rapier Marshal

This month has had relatively strong (for the summer) turnout at practices. We've had about four fighters every week and a few people who stop by. I'm wanting to hold another tiny tournament at the end of August. If you're interested in participating or have items to donate for prizes, message the Yahoo Group with details. I'm really looking forward to the fall fighting season. But, before that starts, we have to make it through the MSC Open House. I will NEED all fighters to do everything they can to be available for that demo. It will be Saturday, September 3rd from 2-6pm. It will be hot and busy all day. The more people who come out to fight in the demo, the more time we can each spend in the shade cooling off. FREE THAT WEEKEND!

-Kolfinna

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings Shadowlanders,

It was hot and sunny for archery practice this month and, alas, most of the shire's archers apparently decided to stay inside, where it was cool. After our last archery practice, we had a small melee practice to allow new combat archers to try out the sport. Mistress Kaitlyn donned armor for the first time and used me as a target. Special thanks to Sir Rhodri and Kite for acting as targets and/or pavises during the exchange of archer fire and to Plachoya for marshaling. I would like to continue having small melee practices once a month to increase interest in combat archery and to allow the shires fighters to learn to work together as a cohesive unit.

For the summer, archery practice is Sundays, 5 - 7 PM, at the archery range in Austin's Colony Park. Newcomers and novices welcome. Loaner equipment will be available. Watch the list for updates!

Ronald fitz Robert

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greeting from you MoAS!!!
Great news for all the dancers... We have a dance room for next semester lined up. So when school starts dancing will return to its regularly scheduled time on Sunday nights. I have heard a lot of discussion about possibly changing some of our guilds to provide more a&s activities but I have not heard specifics. So

if anybody has any interest in doing any a&s activities that our not currently practiced in the Shadowlands please let me know. Since it looks like benders guild will not be re-surfacing we can use that time to schedule another activity and it seems that most are interested in leather working so I would like to make this happen but I need to know there is an interest. In other news I would like to host another Fall Ball type event in the winter (perhaps with crown tourney?) as I know how much everybody enjoyed our last one, so polish your dancing shoes! If anybody has any ideas on how we could improve from our last fall-ball or would like to help just let me know. Have a great rest of the summer everybody and I will see you soon!!!

-Lady Caitlin Labouche

Shadowlands MoAS

From the Chronicler

The office of Chronicler is accepting applications and will remain so until the regional Chronicler actually gets an application. Until then I will continue to serve as Chronicler. But I would like to encourage anyone who might be interested to apply. It is easy if you know how to use a computer, and looks good on a resume.

As always, a big thank you to Ronald fitz Robert for doing the printing!

Rædric

From the Historian

In July it was very hot, and nothing of note happened.

Rædric

From the Web Minister

You can visit the Shire web page at: <http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/>
If there is any information you would like to see added or updated, or anything you feel should be removed, please contact the Web Minister at: vs.shadowlands@gmail.com

Useful Websites for Newcomers

<http://sca.org/> - SCA Inc. web page
<http://ansteorra.org/> - The Texas/Oklahoma Kingdom web page
<http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/> - the Bryan/College Station chapter web page
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shadowlandssca/> - the Shire email list used for discussion, announcements, and activity planning

This Month in the Middle Ages – August

1. In 1203 Isaac II Angelus, restored Eastern Roman Emperor, declares his son, Alexius IV Angelus, co-emperor after pressure from the forces of the Fourth Crusade.
2. In 1100 William II, "Rufus," King of England, killed in a hunting accident
3. In 881 – SAUCORT-en-VIMEU (Louis III of France defeats the Vikings, an event celebrated in the poem *Ludwigslied*.)
4. In 1265 EVESHAM (Death of Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester)
5. In 0642 Death of St. Oswald, King of Northumbria, by the hand of Penda, King of Mercia
6. In 1307 Edward II, King of England, creates Piers Gaveston as the Earl of Cornwall
7. In 1415 Henry V, King of England, leaves Porchester Castle on his way to France
8. In 1296 The Stone of Scone stolen by Edward I, King of England
9. In 1483 First Mass celebrated in the Sistine Chapel
10. In 1539 The French Crown orders all legal documents to be in French
11. In 1306 DALRY (Robert I, "the Bruce," defeated by the Lord of Lorne)
12. In 1099 ASCALON (Crusaders defeat Moslems)
13. In 1516 The Treaty of Noyon between France and Spain is signed. Francis I of France recognises Charles's claim to Naples, and Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor recognises Francis's claim to Milan.
14. In 1450 The first book ever printed in Europe was published by Faust, in Paris, thus originating the legend of his pact with the Devil, as the "calligraphy" was all identical
15. In 0778 RONCEVALLES (Charlemagne's rear guard, returning from Spain, attacked by Basques; Death of Roland)
16. In 1191 Richard I, King of England, commands the execution of 2500 Muslim prisoners beneath the walls of Acre
17. In 986 TRAJAN'S GATE (Byzantine army is destroyed by the Bulgarians under the Comitopuli Samuel and Aron)
18. In 1572 – marriage in Paris of the future Huguenot King Henry IV of Navarre to Marguerite de Valois, in a supposed attempt to reconcile Protestants and Catholics.
19. In 1399 Richard II, King of England, surrenders to Henry, his cousin and heir, and abdicates
20. In 1598 A duel with rapier and dagger takes place between Don Philip of Savoy and M. de Crecqui
21. In 1560 A total Solar eclipse observed in Portugal and Spain
22. In 1192 Minamoto Yoritomo becomes Sei Tai Shōgun and the *de facto* ruler of Japan.
23. In 1305 Execution of William Wallace
24. In 1456 Printing of the Gutenberg Bible completed
25. In 1558 Marriage of Francis II, King of France, to Mary, Queen of Scots
26. In 1498 Michelangelo commissioned to make the "Pieta"
27. In 1529 Henry VIII, King of England, accedes to the Peace of Cambrai
28. In 489 ISONZO (Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths defeats Odoacer, forcing his way into Italy.)
29. In 1526 MOHACS (defeat of Hungarian army by Ottoman Turks; death of Lajos II, King of Hungary)
30. In 0526 Death of Theodoric, King of the Ostrogoths
31. In 1346 Edward III, King of England, lays siege to Calais

The Shadow Reader

By Lord Pádric ÓMullan

Title - *The Other Queen*
Author - Philippa Gregory
Publisher - Touchstone

The Other Queen is the story of Mary Stuart, better known as Mary Queen of Scots. More accurately, it is the story of Queen Mary's captivity in England, told in the present tense through the eyes of Queen Mary and her keepers, George and Bess Talbot, the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury, and details the travels of Queen Mary and her keepers, set to watch over her by Queen Elizabeth and her Secretary of State, Sir William Cecil. Mary Queen of Scots was the granddaughter of Henry VIII's sister Margaret, and heir by birth to the throne of Scotland. She had been married to the Dauphin of France, heir to the French throne, but when he died without issue she fell out of the French royal Family. Many said she was also the rightful heir to the English throne, as Henry VIII's marriage to Anne Boleyn was annulled after she was beheaded, and her daughter Elizabeth was declared a bastard, and she was excluded from the Royal succession.

Sir George Talbot was the heir of one of England's oldest and noblest families, a family which had served the Crown of England since the days of William the Conqueror. Bess Talbot came from common stock, but by marrying well and often had made herself one of the richest women in England. One of her husbands, William Cavendish, was on Henry VIII's Court of Augmentations, overseeing the dissolution of the religious houses of England, and built a substantial fortune by appropriating the lands and goods of the displaced monks and nuns. He also taught Bess to keep accounts and be a shrewd business woman.

The Other Queen describes the secret correspondence carried on between Mary, and her Ambassador, Bishop Lesley of Ross, her agent, Roberto Ridolfi, and Duke Thomas Howard, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth to whom Mary was secretly betrothed. It explains how difficult Shrewsbury found it to prevent these communications. *The Other Queen* also tells of the rising in the North of England which set out to free her, as well as two planned attempts by the Spanish to invade England for the same purpose.

The Other Queen is thoroughly researched and well written. It provides some very interesting insight into a very turbulent time in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

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The Red Queen is the life story of Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry Tudor, who later became known to history as Henry VII. The title refers to Lady Margaret's position as heir to the House of Lancaster, whose family badge was the red rose. Lady Margaret was a cousin of King Henry VI, a descendant of John of Gaunt's second marriage.

Called to a life of religion at a young age, Lady Margaret claimed to have had visions, and often likened herself to Joan of Arc. Married at age 12 to Edmund Tudor, himself a half-brother of King Henry VI, Lady Margaret was widowed before she even gave birth, at age 14, to her son, Henry, after a difficult pregnancy and labor. Soon she was forced to leave her son in the care of his uncle, Jasper Tudor, as Margaret was sent off to another arranged marriage, this time to Henry Stafford, son of the Duke of Buckingham. At the time of their marriage, Stafford was a supporter of the House of Lancaster, but later changed his allegiance to support Edward of York. After Stafford's death in battle supporting Edward in his bid to depose Henry VI and become Edward IV, Lady Margaret arranged her own next marriage, this time Thomas, Lord Stanley, another former Lancastrian now in service to Edward IV. After the mysterious death of Edward IV, Richard III, Edward's younger brother, usurped the throne, displacing and possibly killing his nephews, Edward's sons. Through it all, Lady Margaret maintained contact with her son and Jasper Tudor, and never gave up in her attempts to put him on his uncle's throne, enduring years of house arrest with her own husband, Thomas Stanley, as her jailer. Eventually, after one abortive attempt, Henry Tudor landed to claim his throne and defeated Richard III, largely through the betrayal of Thomas Stanley and his brother William. Finally, Lady Margaret had achieved her goal, to have her son crowned as Henry VII of England.

Told through the eyes of Lady Margaret Beaufort herself, *The Red Queen* offers an interesting insight into the intrigues of the Wars of the Roses. Philippa Gregory includes a family tree of the heirs of Edward III, the Dukes of Lancaster and York, and a map of England showing the locations of the major battles of the Wars of the Roses. Gregory also includes a short historical note and extensive bibliography of the historical works she researched to create this fascinating and complex piece of historical fiction.